



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 272

LCO No. 2081



Referred to Committee on ENERGY AND TECHNOLOGY

Introduced by:
(ET)

***AN ACT CONCERNING THE USE OF MICROGRID GRANTS AND
LOANS FOR CERTAIN DISTRIBUTED ENERGY GENERATION.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (c) of section 16-243y of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
3 *1, 2016*):

4 (c) The department shall award grants or loans under the microgrid
5 grant and loan pilot program to any number of recipients. To the
6 extent possible, the amount of loans and grants awarded under the
7 program shall be evenly distributed between small, medium and large
8 municipalities. Such grants and loans [shall only be used to provide
9 assistance] may provide: (1) Assistance to recipients for the cost of
10 design, engineering services and interconnection infrastructure for any
11 such microgrid, and (2) matching funds or low interest loans for (A)
12 distributed energy generation projects first placed in service on or after
13 July 1, 2016, provided such generation is derived from a Class I
14 renewable energy source as defined in section 16-1, a Class III source
15 as defined in section 16-1 or a gas microturbine with a thermal

16 efficiency factor of at least forty per cent as established by the
17 manufacturer, (B) an energy storage system or systems, as defined in
18 section 16-1, or (C) any combination thereof, for any such microgrid.
19 The department may establish any financing mechanism to provide or
20 leverage additional funding to support the development of
21 interconnection infrastructure, distributed energy generation and
22 microgrids. [that is not limited to the cost of interconnection
23 infrastructure.]

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
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Section 1	July 1, 2016	16-243y(c)
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Statement of Purpose:

To allow the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection to provide microgrid grants and loans for additional types of costs associated with such microgrids.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]